

*In this letter: Pentecost of Movements in the Catholic Cathedral, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is for everyone. Pentecost of Peace in Assisi, livestreamed event. CHARIS Norden is planned to be formed in August. The Oas movement's summer conference.*

## Pentecost of the movements in the Catholic Cathedral.

Pentecost of the movements is traditionally celebrated with Bishop Anders Arborelius on Pentecost with a Pentecostal vigil in the cathedral at 17.00. This year, at the same time, a group of people will be admitted to the full communion of the church and confirmation. After-assembly, mingle in the Cathedral Hall and we get to hear what is current within the various movements that participate. [[Read more about the movements on the diocese's website](#)].

## Baptism in the Holy Spirit is meant for everyone.

As generally understood in the Charismatic Renewal, baptism in the Spirit refers to a life-changing experience of the real presence of the risen Lord and of the Holy Spirit and His graces. It is not a sacrament in itself, but comes to life through the fundamental grace that is conveyed through baptism and confirmation. It releases the power and effectiveness of these sacraments so that they bear fruit in a new way, so that one is endowed with the power to serve and evangelize.

This grace is meant for all Christians (not just for a select group of "charismatics"). Former Pope Benedict XVI expressed the grace of confirmation directly related to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a speech on the occasion of Regina Caeli on Pentecost Day 2008 in which he called for a renewal of the grace of baptism and confirmation: *"Today I would like to extend this invitation to everyone: Let us rediscover, dear brothers and sisters, the beauty of being baptized in the Holy Spirit.; Let us remember anew our baptism and confirmation, sources of grace that are always with us. Let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to obtain anew a new Pentecost for the Church today, a Pentecost that plants in all the joys of living and bearing witness to the Gospel."*The whole mission of Christ is summed up in this, to baptize us in the Holy Spirit, to free us from slavery to death, and to open heaven to us. The outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost is the very coronation moment of this mission.

Pope Francis said at the inauguration of CHARIS in 2019 that he wished for the Charismatic Renewal *"to share the baptism of the Holy Spirit with everyone in the whole Church. That is the grace you have received. Share it! Don't keep it to yourselves!"*At the same time, he emphasized that this grace produces unity and therefore also wished of the Charismatic Renewal *"to serve the unity of the body of Christ, the Church, the community of the Christian faithful. This is very important, because the Holy Spirit brings about unity, but also diversity. The person of the Holy Spirit is interesting: through the charisms he creates the greatest diversity, but then he harmonizes the charisms into unity."*

In this way, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) is in a sense the bearer of a grace that belongs to the whole Church. But at the same time, it is a specific movement with its distinct spirituality, structures, and patterns of Christian life. CCR was brought forth in the Church by God to value and foster the baptism of the Holy Spirit in a specific way, but it is not the only way in which one can respond to this grace. In his Apostolic Epistle [Christifideles Laici](#), Pope John Paul II urged the Christian faithful to appreciate the varying charisms expressed in different ecclesiastical movements:

*"All of us, Pastors and lay faithful, have the duty to promote and nourish stronger bonds and mutual esteem, cordiality and collaboration among the various forms of lay associations. Only*

*in this way can the richness of the gifts and charisms that the Lord offers us bear their fruitful contribution in building the common house” (CL 31).*

Sometimes you hear leaders of Charismatic Renewal say that our goal is to disappear into the Church, when the whole Church is renewed. This is a good goal, but at the same time it must be remembered that the goal of the renewal of the Church will not be fully realized until Christ returns in glory. As a movement within the Church, Charismatic Renewal is called to live out the grace of the baptism of the Holy Spirit with a special intensity, so that we can be a continuous leaven within the whole body of Christ as it moves through history.

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[The Theological Commission of Charismatic Renewal: Baptism in the Spirit for everyone? - CHARIS](#)

[Pope Francis: To participants in the International Conference of Leaders of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Service - Charis \(8 June 2019\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

Read also what an in-depth group within the Catholic Diocese of Stockholm writes in response to questions before this autumn's Synod of Bishops on synodality, see the section "Life and Lay Associations and Movements: A Charismatic Sign"

[\[response-to-a-synodal-church-in-mission-by-the-catholic-diocese-of-stockholm-april-2024.pdf \(katolskakyrkan.se\)\]](#)

## Pentecost of peace in Assisi

CHARIS, livestreamed event from Assisi 18-19 May. [\[Read more here\]](#)

## CHARIS Norden is planned to be consolidated in August.

Ludwig Gelot, a member of the prayer group in the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Järfälla, is the interim coordinator while waiting for a CHARIS community to be formally formed in the Nordic countries, which is planned to take place at an online meeting scheduled for August 13. All groups in the Nordic countries that we know of that define themselves as charismatic are invited to this meeting. You can already register your group on the new website:

<https://www.charisnordic.com/about>

## Oas summer meeting with the participation of Cardinal Anders Arborelius and Sebastian Stakset, among others

The Oas movement's summer meeting, which has always had an ecumenical character and has been visited by many Catholics, will be held this year in July 31-August 4 at Gullbrannagården south of Halmstad. Participants include Cardinal Anders Arborelius, Berit Simonsson, Sebastian Stakset, Hans Weichbrodt.

[Summer Oasis 2024 – The Oasis Movement oasrorelsen.se](#)